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Title: APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR§ AND IMPROVING EXECUTIONS OF ORDERS FOR SECURITIES

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## PETITION FOR ACCEPTANCE OF FILING DATE

Dear Sir,

### Statement of Facts

Applicant received a Notice of Omitted Item(s) In A Nonprovisional Application ("the Notice") dated October 12, 2000 from the Office. The Notice states that Figure 10, as described in the original application, was omitted from the application. The Notice allows Applicant the opportunity to contend that Figure 10 was received by the PTO at the same time as receipt of the original specification.

## Points to be Reviewed

The Commissioner is requested to consider whether the item noted by the Office as omitted from the original non-provisional application was in fact received.

#### Remarks

In response to the Notice, Applicant contends that all figures relating to the original application were in fact received by the PTO on August 22, 2000. That is, no items were omitted from the original non-provisional application papers. It may have appeared to the Office that Figure 10 was omitted because Figure 10 was identified in the drawing list on page 6 of the original application, but there was no drawing labeled "Figure 10" submitted with the original application. Despite this appearance, there was no omission because Figure 10 does not exist, and the reference to Figure 10 on page 6 of the original application is a typographical error.

The original application papers included ten pages of drawings numbered 1-8, 8A, and 9, rather than 1-10. The description of figures on page 6 of the original application was erroneously numbered Figures 1-10. As a result, the drawing labeled "Fig 8A" is erroneously described on page 6 of the original application as "Fig. 9," and the drawing labeled "Fig. 9" is erroneously described on page 6 of the original application as "Fig. 10." A copy of the drawings and page 6 of the original application are enclosed for reference.

In a Preliminary Amendment submitted today, Applicant has corrected the typographical errors that appear in the reference numbers of the figures on page 6 of the original application. A copy is enclosed for reference.

### **Action Requested**

In consideration of the foregoing, Applicant hereby requests the Commissioner to determine that no items have been omitted from the original non-provisional application papers, and that August 22, 2000 is the correct filing date of the application. Applicant further requests that upon determination that all items were received by the Office, the Commissioner refund the accompanying petition fee of \$130.00.

Finally, enclosed is our check in the amount \$130.00 to cover the fee associated with this Petition. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any deficiency or credit any overpayment required under 37 C.F.R. 1.17(i) to Deposit Account No. 01-2511.

Respectfully submitted,

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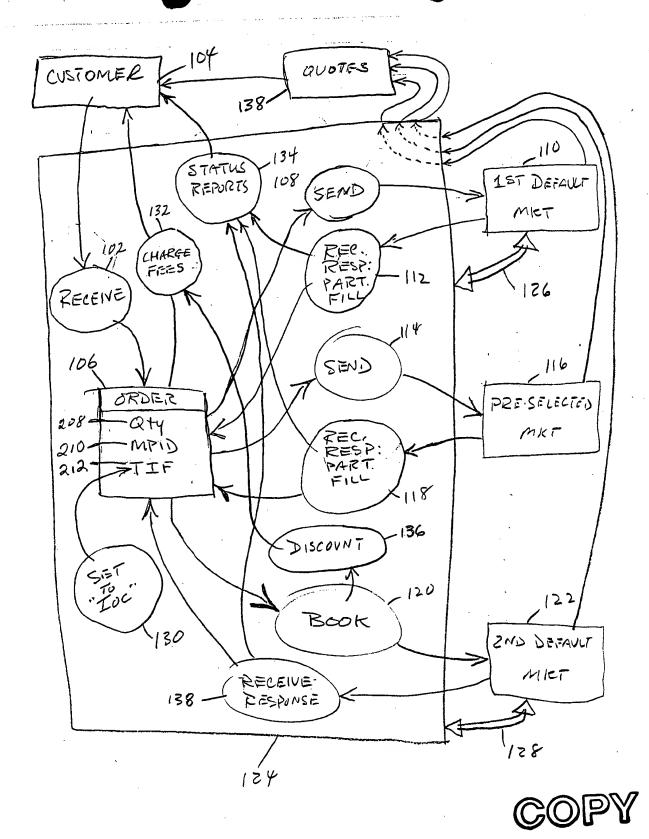
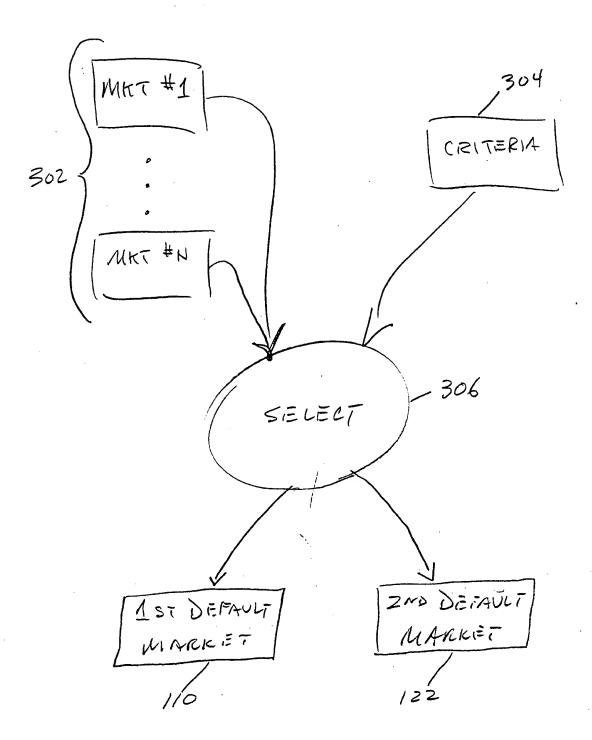


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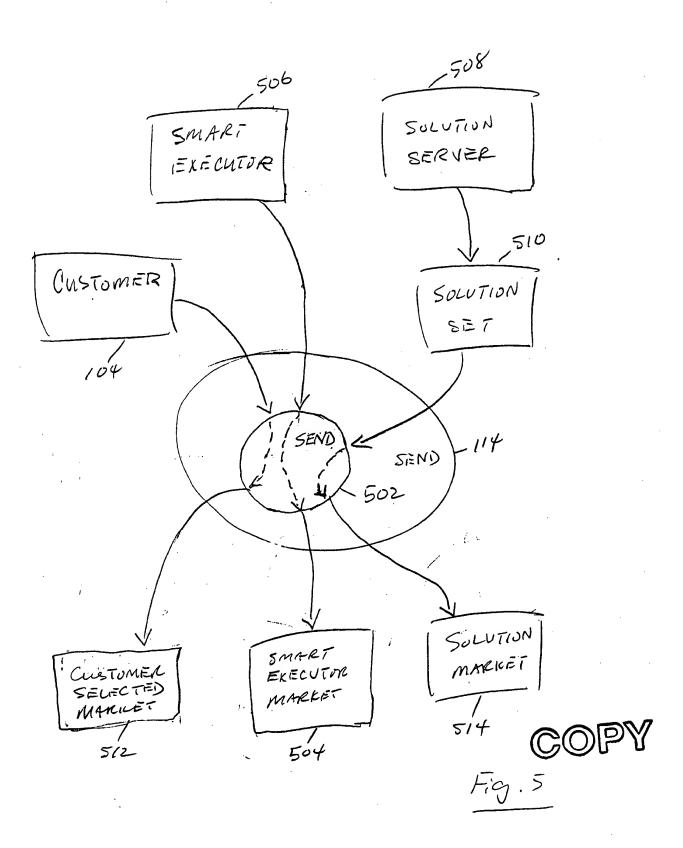
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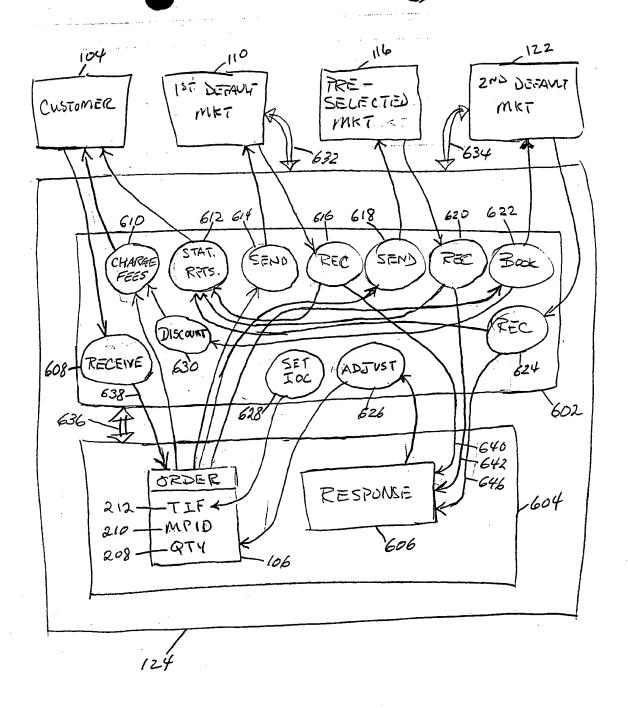


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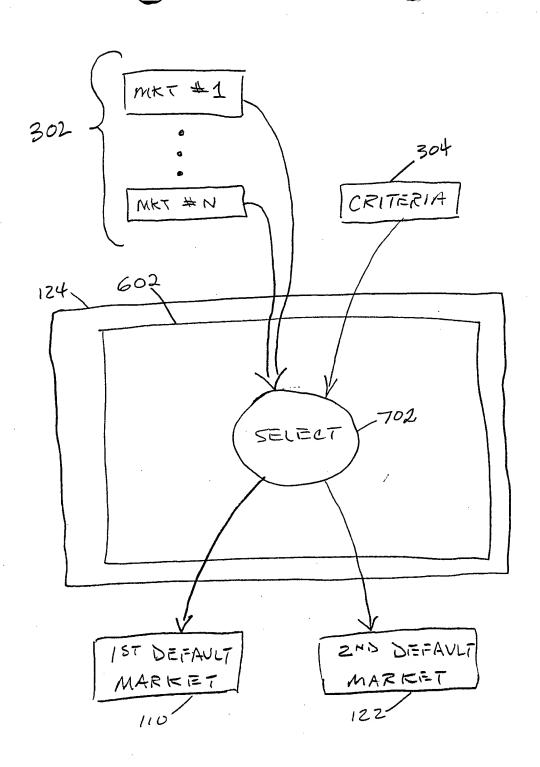
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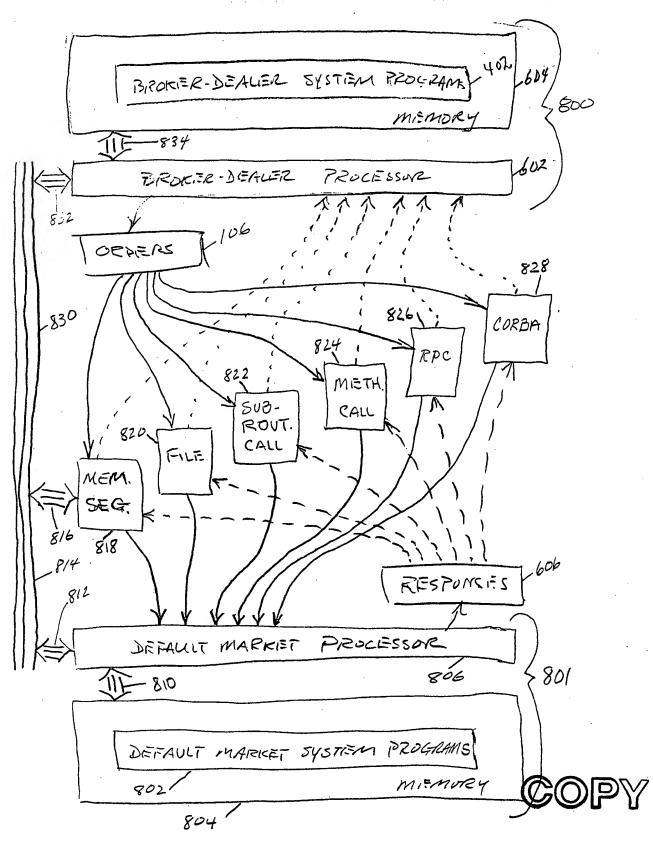


Fig. 8

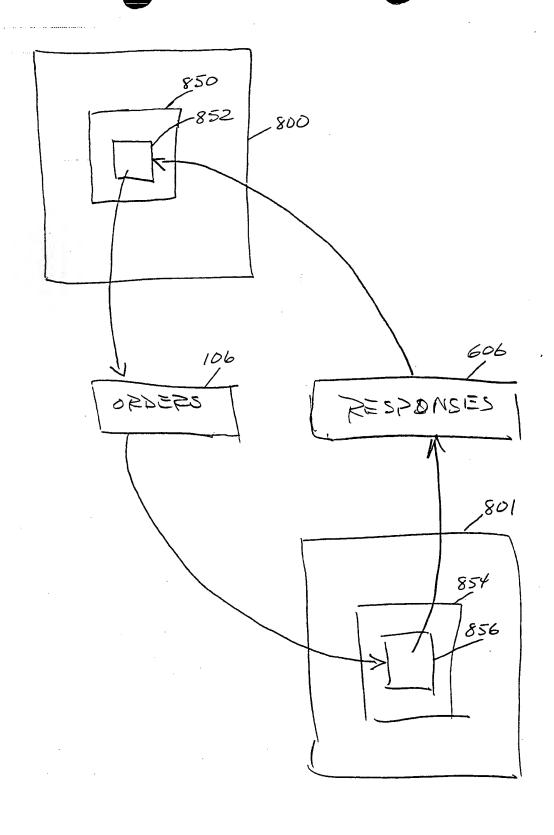
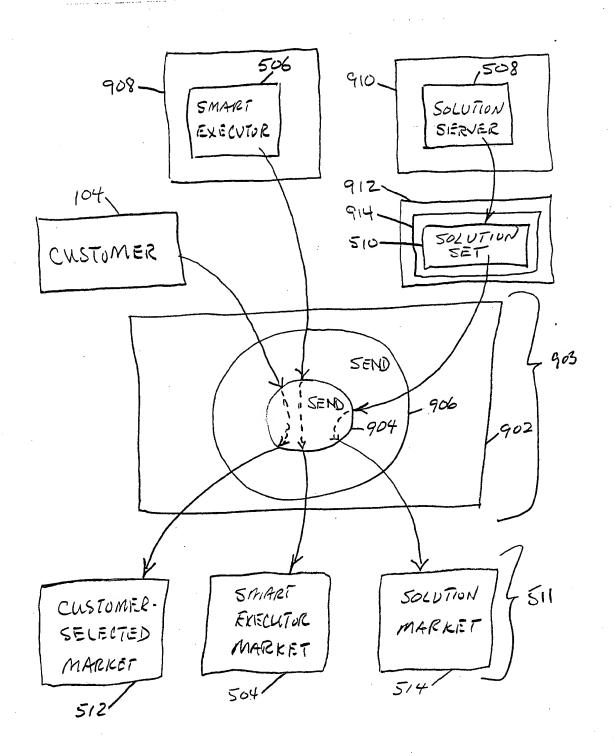


Fig. 8A



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Fig.9

## DRAWINGS

- Figure 1 is an overview flow diagram of typical embodiments.
- Figure 2 is an example data structure for orders.
- 5 Figure 3 illustrates selecting default markets by use of market selection criteria.
  - Figure 4 illustrates aspects of close coupling.

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- Figure 5 illustrates sending orders to pre-selected markets.
- Figure 6 is an overview of embodiments of a system of the invention.
- Figure 7 illustrates a system for selecting default markets according to market selection criteria.
- Figure 8 illustrates system embodiments of close coupling.
- Figure 9 illustrates close coupling through calls to member methods in class objects.
- Figure 10 illustrates system embodiments for sending orders to pre-selected markets.





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# NOTICE OF OMITTED ITEM(S) IN A NONPROVISIONAL APPLICATION

#### FILED UNDER 37 CFR 1.53(b)

A filing date has been accorded to the above-identified nonprovisional application papers; however, the following item(s) appear to have been omitted from the application:

• Figure(s) 10 described in the specification.

I. Should applicant contend that the above-noted omitted item(s) was in fact deposited in the Patent and Trademark Office (PTO) with the nonprovisional application papers, a copy of this Notice and a petition (and \$130.00 petition fee (37 CFR 1.17(i))) with evidence of such deposition was the filed within TWO MONTHS of the date of this Notice. The petition fee will be refunded if is determined that the item(s) was received by the PTO.

II. Should applicant desire to supply the omitted item(s) and accept the date that such omitted item(s) was filed in the PTO as the filing date of the above-identified application, a copy of this Notice, the omitted item(s) (with a supplemental oath or declaration in compliance with 37 CFR 1.63 and 1.64 referring to such items), and a petition under 37 CFR 1.182 (with the \$130.00 petition fee (37 CFR 1.17(h)) requesting the later filing date **must** be filed within **TWO MONTHS** of the date of this Notice.

III. The failure to file a petition (and petition fee) under the above options (I) or (II) within TWO MONTHS of the date of this Notice (37 CFR 1.181(f)) will be treated as a constructive acceptance by the applicant of the application as deposited in the PTO. THIS TWO MONTH PERIOD IS NOT EXTENDABLE UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a) or (b). In the absence of a timely filed petition in reply to this Notice, the application will maintain a filing date as of the date of deposit of the application papers in the PTO, and original application papers (i.e., the original disclosure of the invention) will include only those application papers present in the PTO on the date of deposit.

In the event that applicant elects not to take action pursuant to options (I) or (II) above (thereby constructively electing option (III)), amendment of the specification to renumber the pages consecutively and cancel incomplete sentences caused by any omitted page(s), and/or amendment of the specification to cancel all references to any omitted drawing(s), relabel the drawing figures to be numbered consecutively (if necessary), and correct the references in the specification to the drawing figures to correspond with any relabelled drawing figures, is required) Any drawing changes should be accompanied by a copy of the drawing figures showing the proposed changes in red ink. Such amendment and/or correction to the drawing figures, if necessary, should be by way of preliminary amendment submitted prior to the first Office action to avoid delays in the prosecution of the application.

A copy of this notice MUST be returned with the reply.

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